

Grasim Industries (GRASIM) - REDUCE

Q2FY26 Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.2882	Fair Value (FV) Rs.2960
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Rationale:

- Grasim's Q2FY26 standalone EBITDA was above estimates.
- Q2FY26: beat at the CSF division, partly offset by a miss in chemicals and higher losses in the paints/B2B e-commerce divisions.
- Paints saw its first full monsoon season and a qoq decline in revenue; management expects this blip to be seasonal and a return to strong growth from Q3FY26 onward.
- We expect margins in caustic/CSF businesses to remain rangebound due to macros.
- We trim standalone EBITDA estimates by 3%/2%/2% for FY26/27/28E, mainly led by the paints division.
- We expect earnings per share (EPS) growth of 42.6% in FY26E and 36.1% in FY27E.
- Our FV rises to Rs2,960 (earlier Rs2,850) on rollover to Dec 2027E.
- We maintain REDUCE, as we see a balanced risk-reward.

👍 Positives:

- CSF/CFY volumes stood at 220.4 kt; was above our estimates.
- CSF: EBITDA increased qoq to Rs16/kg (+7.8% qoq) on higher realizations.

👎 Negatives:

- Caustic volumes, at 294 kt (flat yoy, (-)3% qoq), were impacted by lower production.
- Chemicals: EBITDA decreased qoq to Rs12/kg (-10.8% qoq).

(EBITDA: Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization; CSF: Cellulosic Staple Fiber; Cellulosic Fashion Yarn)



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Holding Period: 12 months

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